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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-57 (Cancelled)

58. (Previously Presented) In a client system comprising a display for showing video programs received from one or more video sources and chat communication from one or more chat rooms, a method of the client system displaying a particular video program and chat communication corresponding to the particular video program, the method comprising:

receiving a video program from a video source;

receiving chat communication from a chat room that is associated with the video program;

storing a plurality of distinct user interface templates, each of the plurality of distinct user interface templates defining a video region, for displaying the video program, and a chat region, for displaying chat communication, that differ from one user interface template to another;

automatically, and without user intervention, selecting one of the plurality of distinct user interface templates for use in customizing display of the video program and the chat communication based on at least one of (i) an episode of a television series included in the video program, (ii) a television series corresponding to the video program, (iii) a television network affiliate providing the video program, or (iv) a network providing the video program; and

displaying the video program and the chat communication in accordance with the selected user interface template and thereby creating a customized user interface for the video program and chat communication.

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59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the host and chat servers are the same server.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the video program and the chat link data are received in a signal broadcast from the video source.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, further comprising:
receiving chat link data indicating that the client system may display a user selectable chat link for connecting to the chat room;
displaying the user selectable chat link simultaneously with the video program;
receiving user selection of the chat link;
sending a chat request to a host server;
receiving a chat room identifier from the host server that identifies the chat room;
and
connecting to the chat room at a chat server.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the chat region of the selected user interface template is adjacent the video region of the selected user interface template.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the chat region of the selected user interface template overlies the video region of the selected user interface template.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the video program is a first video program, the chat communication is a first chat communication, the chat room is a first chat room, and the selected user interface template is a first user interface template, the method further comprising:

receiving a second video program;
receiving a second chat communication from a second chat room that is associated with the second video program;

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automatically, and without user intervention, selecting a second one of the plurality of distinct user interface templates for customizing display of the second video program and second chat communication based on at least one of (i) an episode of a television series included in the second video program, (ii) a television series corresponding to the second video program, (iii) a television network affiliate providing the second video program, or (iv) a network providing the second video program; and

displaying the second video program and the second chat communication in accordance with the second user interface template, wherein the second user interface template differs from the first user interface template.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein an identifying characteristic of the video program is displayed outside of the video region of the display.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the identifying characteristic identifies an episode of a television series included in the video program.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the identifying characteristic identifies a television series corresponding to the video program.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the identifying characteristic identifies a television network affiliate.

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